

input information from a respective user and to an output device, each said user having a user identity;

programming the controller computer to control distributing the communication; programming the participator computers to enable receiving the communication; arbitrating with the controller computer, in accordance with predefined rules including a test for an authenticated user identity, to determine which one of the participator computers can receive the communication, including a sound, a video, a graphic, a pointer-triggered message, or a combination thereof, wherein said arbitrating with said pointer-triggered message includes said controller computer using said pointer to fetch pre-stored data; and distributing, in accordance with the predefined rules, the communication in real time over the Internet to the one of the participator computers.

160. (Once Amended) A method for using a computer system to distribute communication over an Internet network, the method including the steps of:

obtaining, for each of a plurality of participator computers, a respective user identity from a controller computer over the Internet network, each said participator computer connected to an input device to receive input information from a respective user and to an output device;

programming the participator computers to enable communication, including a sound, a video, a graphic, a pointer-triggered message, or a combination thereof, wherein said pointer-triggered message includes said controller computer using said pointer to fetch pre-stored data, and wherein said communication is controlled by using said user identity;

connecting said participator computers to said Internet network;

sending said communication from one of said computers; and

distributing, in accordance with the predefined rules, said communication in real

Exhibit 1
time over the Internet network to at least one of said participant computers.

165. (Twice Amended) A method for using a computer system to distribute communication over an Internet network, the method including the steps of:
obtaining, for each of a plurality of participant computers, a respective user identity from a controller computer over the Internet network, each said participant computer connected to an input device to receive input information from a respective user and to an output device;
programming the participant computers to enable communication, including a sound, a video, a graphic, a pointer-triggered message, or a combination thereof, wherein said pointer-triggered message includes said controller computer using said pointer to fetch pre-stored data;
connecting said participant computers to said Internet network;
sending said communication from one of said computers; and
distributing, in accordance with the predefined rules, said communication in real time over the Internet network to at least one of said participant computers.

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Please add new claims 172-176 as follows:

172. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of said steps of programming includes some programming in java.

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173. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of arbitrating is carried out with said test of authenticated user identity obtained by communication over the Internet network in registering for an account.

174. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of arbitrating is carried out with the pointer-triggered message being a URL pointer-triggered message.

175. The method of claim 160, wherein one of said steps is carried out by using some java programming.

176. The method of claim 165, wherein one of said steps is carried out by using some java programming.

II FEE

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

III CONCLUSION

The application, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 240-0824 if it can in any way expedite or ease the handling of this case. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

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